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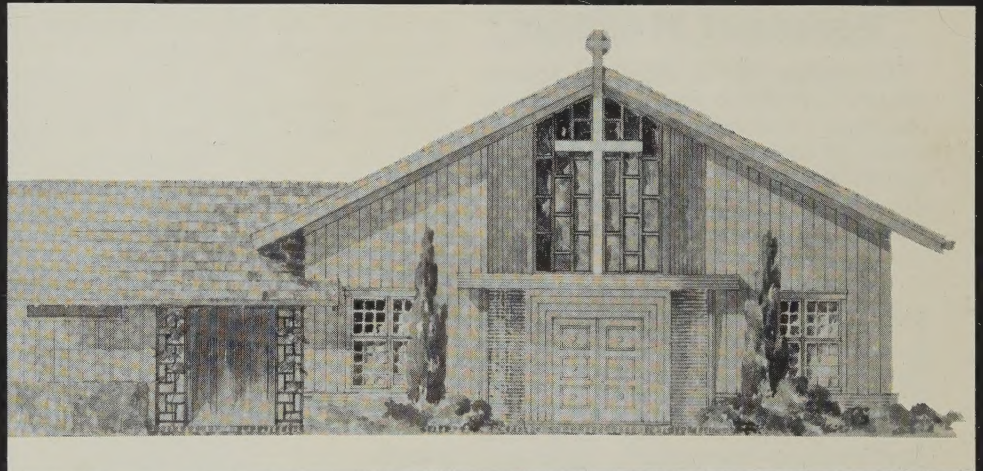
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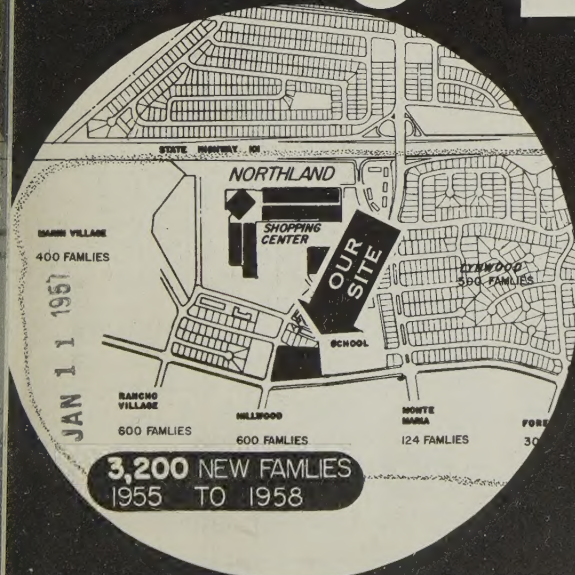
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A SKETCH OF THE PROPOSED NORTHLAND CHURCH



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JANUARY 20
CHURCH EXTENSION
FELLOWSHIP DAY

MISSIONARIES

by Margaret Bond

Our District has been signally blessed by the ministry of Sister Ruth Couchman as she has itinerated in the interests of the work in South America, having been a missionary in Peru since 1928. In true missionary style she is entering a field new to her having received appointment to Argentina, where she will be teaching in the Bible School in Buenos Aires. She expects to be sailing in January. The Lord bless you Sister Couchman in your new endeavor for Him!

Beginning the first of the year our District will be teeming with missionary activity as we will have about five missionary couples touring the various sections. The Arthur Lindvalls of Central America and the Lowell Dowdys of South America are eagerly starting their itineraries with news fresh from the field, and are anxious to renew fellowship with old friends and make new ones. The Dowdys

Personal Mention

Evangelist W. C. PEIRCE reported fine services in an assembly in Los Angeles. Following his meetings there, he conducted a two-week meeting in the First Assembly of God of Dinuba. His most recent meetings have been with Pastor Ed Cole of San Bruno.

A letter from the FREDOLF SONDENOs in Japan tells of the splendid results that have come as a result of the broadcast "Words of Grace." The program is now released weekly by 8 stations. Among the many new tasks the SondenOs have taken over are: the supervision of the radio studio building, maintenance of the equipment, and co-managing the production of the broadcasts.

Former B. B. C. student, DON GOSSETT writes of a recent successful revival at Live Oak, California, where J. A. Rogers pastors. Brother Gossett reports that his ministry chiefly is in Oregon, though we may be seeing more of him here in California in the future.

A note from Missionary A. J. MORRISON tells of a very profitable revival at Sausalito. Pastor J. C. Walton and his people were greatly encouraged. It was Brother Morrison's plan to return to Sausalito in the New Year to assist in the building program.

F. A. and INEZ STURGEON write from Norway and report an excellent

will be participating in an out-of-District Missionary Convention in Bakersfield, January 30 - February 3.

The Paul Wrights are scheduled for a Missionary Convention with Brother Henson in Sacramento, February 6-10, along with their regular itinerary work.

Brother Wheeler Anderson is presenting the possibilities of the development of the Northern Territories Bible School in the Gold Coast, Africa, a very worthwhile project.

Brother and Sister Heetebry are making their final contacts as they plan to sail to the Fiji Islands in February.

A very profitable Seminar for the Foreign Missionary Advisory Committee and the Sectional Representatives was conducted at the time of the C A. Convention in San Francisco. The sections were well represented and many helps were given so that each one received a clearer vision, a keener knowledge of his duty, and fresh inspiration to help sponsor this great work. Plans are being made for another Seminar in the Spring.

revival in the Filadelfia Church - their second since last May.

WERNER and ERMA HONSALEK write from Glen Ullin, North Dakota, where they pastor a German Assembly of God. Brother Honsalek plans a German language radio broadcast beginning in January. The program will be called "Glocken Der Heimat" - "Chimes of the Homeland." The Honsaleks are B. B. C. alumni.

W. D. CLONTS writes a cheery letter from Southern California. He reports, among other things, that he is continuing his education in night school.

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OUR SECOND CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP EFFORT.

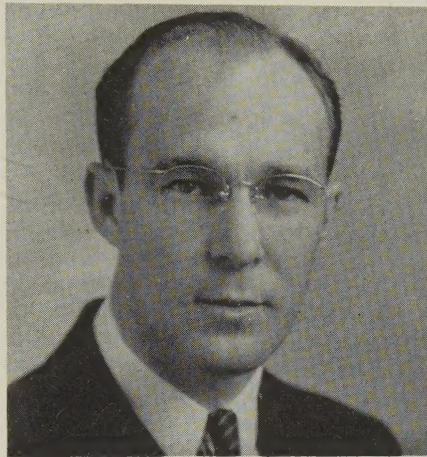
WE ARE INTRODUCING NORTHLAND, A lovely new residential area located in Marin County, north of San Francisco's historic Golden Gate. This area has been chosen by the Home Missions Committee as Project No. 2 in our Northern California and Nevada District Church Extension Fellowship program.

Northland is a new development, located on the Redwood Highway 101, approximately 20 miles north of the Golden Gate bridge, 7 miles from the San Rafael-Richmond bridge, between the towns of San Rafael and Novato, adjacent to the Hamilton Field Air Force Base. This area now is in process of a development which will immediately provide 6000 new homes. The plans include homes of all types, ranging from subdivision tract houses to lovely estate ranch homes. Also included in these plans are modern shopping centers, conveniently located schools and churches, beautiful parks and boulevards, making this one of the most desired residential areas in California.

To give some idea of the phenomenal growth of this area: in 1950, Novato was a small community of approximately 3,000. By 1955, the population had increased to 14,000. The area has not as yet incorporated as a city. As new tracts are opened and development is being carried on, present figures indicate that in the near future the population of this area will reach 160,000.

For the past several years, the Assemblies of God has tried to establish itself in this area, but, due to the lack of adequate quarters, it has been impossible to gain a foothold. Bro. Charles Hartman has ministered faithfully for several years in this area. At the present time, Bro. Paul Nielsen is conducting a Sunday School and Sunday morning service in a small American Legion hall in the town of Novato. The faithful ministry of these and other workers must be commended, as they have labored, sowing precious seed, which, according to God's promise, will bring forth fruit. But, what we are doing is not sufficient. The need demands far more than we have been able to offer thus far because of our limited opportunity.

In the heart of this rapidly developing area, known as Northland, a parcel of property, for a church site, containing 2.8 acres, has been made available to us through the Lang Realty Company for the sum of \$12,500.00. Details must be omitted here



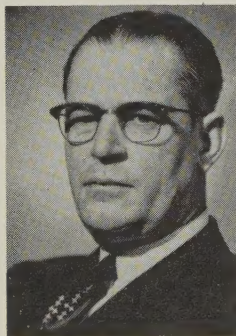
L. R. Anderson, Sectional Presbyter for the North Bay Section, has written this very fine account of our Second District C. E. F. project.

for lack of space, but it must be said that this was a miracle of God, that we were able to purchase this property.

On a choice corner location of South Novato Blvd. and Rowland Blvd., adjacent to Lynwood Park

School, approximately two blocks from the multi-million dollar shopping center, your \$2.00 now can build an Assembly of God church, where our Pentecostal testimony can be brought to these 200 and more new residents who are moving into this area each month. The challenge of this opportunity will thrill the soul of every believer whose heart has been stirred by the Holy Spirit with a vision for missions. The challenge presented by this area is unsurpassed in opportunity.

Preliminary work on this project is already under way, under the supervision of the Home Missions Committee, with the help of a local committee from the North Bay Section, comprised of Bro. Wm. Vickery of San Rafael, Bro. R. C. Jones of Vallejo, and Bro. P. R. Ford of Sebastopol. This Committee has been working to secure this piece of property, meeting with the Marin County Planning Commission, and securing a permit to build. With the aid of an able local architect, Mr. Stoner, all preliminary ground work and planning has been completed, and we will be able to proceed with the construction of a church building as soon as funds are available. Present plans anticipate that a major portion of the work on the building will be done with donated labor by workers, craftsmen and contractors from the neighboring



I have found there is a great deal of interest throughout the District in Church Extension Fellowship. Some have feared that it had been discarded. On the contrary we expect to make it a strong, vital program. This is a wonderful location for our second C. E. F. project. We ask for the full cooperation from every church in the District on January 20. Your \$2.00 today will mean this new church tomorrow!

R. A. Wilson

Assistant Superintendent and
Missionary Secretary.

C. E. F. DAY JAN. 20

HOME MISSIONS--

DISGRACE OR CHALLENGE?

by

**Pastor Harold Casper
Canby, California**

"What are you doing stuck way out here in the sticks?"

These were the words of a friend to my wife a few months ago. The comment is typical of many that we hear from time to time. It expresses a point of view that is all too common in this social conscious society in which we live.

We are "out in the sticks" because we feel that God wants us to be. This is our fourth pastorate but only our second pioneering effort. Previously we had pioneered a small work in Oregon. When we came to that church they were running 10 to 12 in Sunday School, they had no property, and they were behind on the rent in the building they were using. The Lord prospered us there with lumber donations and gave us a choice piece of land and so we were able to complete a church building and leave an established work.

When we came to Canby about a year ago they were still working hard to get established. The folk were

holding services in a fast rotting tent which had seen over four years of continuous use and was sure not to hold together for another winter. The pastor who had started the work had broken his back and was unable to serve. God prospered us here and within six months we were in our own building. Though it is yet unfinished, we are grateful to God for such as we have.

We do not feel ourselves hard done by. Many pioneers have had greater obstacles than we. Many have come to a town where previous workers had made a bad name and it was a long slow struggle to overcome the resentment of the people.

When Jesus came to the woman at the well he did not come with glamour and self-esteem but rather, humbly made himself on her social speaking level. He knew the value of the soul for he placed one soul at more value than the whole world. Surely it thrills the Home Missions worker to think that every soul in his small town

is worth more than the whole world.

Several people have come in these last two pastorates and asked, "What do you hope to gain by coming out like this? You have to do secular work to keep going. Who is going to pay you for all your labor?" My simple reply is, "If I could work all of my waking hours the rest of my life on earth for the Kingdom of God I could still never repay what God has done for me."

People in these communities do not ask for merely a good preacher. The Bible they are looking for most is the humble servant of God who will live a Christian life among them. In these communities one person wholly consecrated to God can do more by his life to win souls than a thousand fine sermons by radio and T. V. or other modern methods. Though these avenues of the Gospel are excellent they are largely dependent on someone's personal testimony to make the truth alive to the people.

There are no secrets in a small community. The true character of a minister is laid out as an open book. There is no such thing in a small town as continually fooling the people with words and living a corrupt life in secret.

It is a tragedy that hundreds of people called to the ministry sit idle in our larger churches waiting for something big in church work. So many are unwilling to be of humble service where they are needed but prefer to remain in a big church keeping the pastor nervous wondering what they will stir up next. The people of small towns are of vital importance and ought not to be bypassed by those who consider the big city as worthy of their ministry.

It is far from a disgrace to go to the ends of the earth to preach the living Gospel to those in need. Jesus walked among the lowly and needy. Perhaps the very highest caliber of Christianity is required to give us grace to minister in these out of the way places.

Every large church had a beginning. Someone had to go and labour under adverse circumstances to bring to life every work of the Lord which we have today. Certainly it is no disgrace to labor in Home Missions. Instead it is one of the most heart-warming and inspiring challenges which God can bestow to his servants today. May more and more of our brethren put their hands to this worthy labor and take their place as God would have them in His Kingdom.

At the New Year

I WISH NOT FOR FAME OR FORTUNE MINE
NOR FOR THAT LIFE SUBLIME THAT IS
WITH THE ETERNAL RADIATING JOY,
PEACE, AND LOVE.

BUT RATHER I ASK THAT EACH DAY BE
LIVED TO ITS FULLEST OF GLORY TO
THE SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

I LOOK NOT UPON PAST FAILING AND IN-
CONGRUITIES UNTRUE:
FOR FROM THE CONFLICT STRENGTH IS
GATHERED, AND AFTER THE STORM HAS
PASSED THE HARVEST IS MULTIPLIED.

I LOOK ONLY TO HIM WHO IS THE GREAT
SENDER OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL
SURPASS MY FAILINGS - NEW DOORS OF
SERVICE THAT WILL OPEN TO GLORIFY MY
LORD.

I WISH NOT FOR A PROSPEROUS YEAR OR
A YEAR OF HAPPY WAYS.
BUT RATHER I YEARN FOR FRUITFUL DAYS
WITH THEIR HOURS OF LABOR AND TOIL
FILLED EACH MOMENT BY HIS WHISPER,
"FOLLOW ME."

DAVID VON ROTZ

"The First Month Of The Year To You"

Exodus 12:2. "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."

To God's ancient people the month referred to was April. To the Christian it is January. The beginning of 1957 marks another milestone along the way to glory. It is a time for looking in two directions, backward and forward. As we look back over the year that is gone, there are doubtless some things cause us grief and sorrow of heart,—mistakes, errors of judgment, blunder and failure. These are cause for humility of spirit and repentance of heart. Nevertheless, we do not dwell in this unhappy climate lest we develop a morbid introspection which is the characteristic of spiritual illness; the sign of a sick soul. Should we tarry too long here, we might lose sight of the meaning of divine grace. If there is anything that cheers the heart of a believer it is to know that there is grace sufficient to cover all his shortcomings, and his failures. It is still true that *"the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin."*

Every mistake, error, and blunder can, by the grace of God, become a stepping stone to help us in achieving *"unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."*

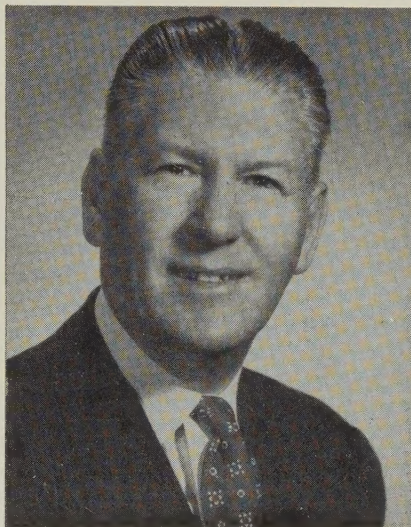
As we review the year that is past, there is much to encourage us. Surely there have been victories achieved, battles won, and ground taken for the Lord during 1956. If we look carefully enough, we will find that the mysterious work of the Spirit has been going on in our heart and there has been improvement, growth and a certain degree of spiritual maturity achieved in our lives as Christians. Doubtless, many of us have found a deeper place in God, a greater devotion to Christ, and the realization that this year has brought us to "higher ground" in Christian experience.

One of the great writers has pointed out the fact that Paul was victorious, not because he won every battle he fought, but because his victories were more numerous than his defeats.

When the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel, the Lord thun-

dered with a great thunder upon them and discomfited them and they were smitten before Israel. After victoriously defeating the Philistines, Samuel took a stone and placed it, as memorial of victory over the enemy, and called the name of it, Ebenezer, saying, *"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."* We have the promise of God's word that for us, when the enemy comes in like a flood, *"the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."* Therefore, in the words of the song we can say:

"Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by they help I'm come;
And I hope by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home."



L. R. Keys is the president
of Bethany Bible College

Turning now from the subjective aspect of our topic, let us look objectively at some of the things we have for which to be truly grateful as we leave the old year and approach 1957. We have every reason to give God thanks for the growth and development of our Assemblies of God fellowship. I quote from *"Action Magazine,"* November 15, 1956, "The Assemblies of God, with national headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, ranks ninth in church size out of 258 denominations, as reported in the 1957 volume of the *Yearbook of American Churches*. Work of this Pentecostal church began 42 years ago and has mushroomed into one of the fastest growing denominations in the

world. Membership of the Assemblies of God has shown a 65 per cent gain with the past ten years. Churches of the denomination number 7,840 in the U.S.A. and some 4,188 abroad."

It is estimated by our headquarters brethren that our Assemblies of God constituency is very near the one million mark; perhaps even more. Since all our churches do not have a membership roster, it is difficult to be precise in regard to the exact number of our people.

We are blessed, according to Bro. Suter, our District Sunday School representative, with a membership in our Assemblies of God Sunday Schools of approximately 34,000 in our Northern California and Nevada district. Our Sunday School enrollment nationally, now numbers 814,000.

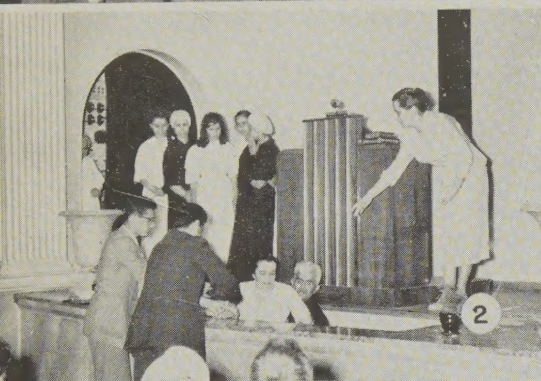
Educationally, we have nine splendid Bible colleges in which we have hundreds of our splendid youth enrolled, preparing themselves for every phase of christian service. The opening of Evangel College, a liberal arts institution, is meeting a long felt need in our movement.

Every Christ's Ambassadors convention the writer attends reminds him that our youth are still aflame with the love of God, and consecration and dedication are not wanting when a worthy challenge is presented to the youth of our day.

From the spiritual standpoint, we have much to encourage us. Reports are constantly reaching us of souls being saved, believers being filled with the Holy Spirit, sick bodies being healed, and demons cast out in a glorious Pentecostal ministry of divine deliverance. These things are happening within our Assembly of God fellowship, in our churches, our conventions, and our camp meetings. Surely these facts are cause for glad giving of thanks. In the words of Scripture, as we leave the year 1956, we are constrained to say, *"what hath God wrought!"*

And now, what of the future? What are the prospects? In the words of a famous missionary, "the prospects are as bright as the promises of God." Doors of opportunity for service are open on every hand. Potential doors of service are abundant. When we consider that there has been a 40 per

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SCENES FROM ATHENS, GREECE. 1) A group of recent converts in our Assembly of God Church in Athens. Rev. Herman Pencovick, Missionary to Israel, is standing in the middle of the back row. 2) A baptismal service. Sister Mary Orphan Metaxatos (left) is the only Assembly of God missionary in Greece. 3) The official church building committee of our Assembly in Athens. For twenty-five years they have rented a room in the third story

Donald B. Sheley sends us

Report On Greece

An eyewitness account by our own District worker on a round-the-world tour.

GREECE, a peninsula bordered on the west and on the south by the Mediterranean Sea and on the east by the Aegean Sea, is still in need of the Gospel as it was two thousand years ago when the Apostle Paul heard the Macedonian call for help. Greece has a population of seven million souls with a religion that has the form of godliness but denies the saving power of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Once a week, they make their way to the temples to kiss the icons, which are pictures of the saints. In doing this, they feel that it will soften God's judgment toward them for their sins.

Greece is a country which is poor in natural resources, rocky hills and sandy deserts. Wheat and tobacco are the chief products of the land. There is great illiteracy in the villages, but modern schools with keen, eager students are to be found in the larger cities such as Athens and Corinth.

Seven per cent of the total population lean toward Communism, ninety-three profess to be members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

The Full Gospel work in Athens was begun many years ago by Bro. Harry Mamalis, a graduate of one of our Assemblies of God Bible Schools. After much persecution, he was able to gather a small group of believers together in his home. God began to bless and the group increased in number until it was necessary to build a church. This structure was built on the property of a Church of God man, who later, decided to work in harmony with the organization and teachings of the Church of God movement in America.

This event made it necessary to acquire a new place of worship for the Pentecostal group of believers. They moved to a room on the third story of an old store building. Despite the many obstacles which have crossed their path of progress, a fine Assem-

of a store building. By faith they are now launching out in a building program. 4) A young people's picnic on the shores of the Aegean Sea. These C. A.'s are a part of the Assembly in Athens.

bly of God work has been established which is now recognized and approved by the Greek Government.

Since our Assembly of God missionary, Sis. Mary Orphan Metaxatos, arrived in Athens in October of 1949, God has lead and prospered our work in a remarkable way. Many new works have been established. One of the most outstanding new endeavors



Rev. Donald B. Sheley is currently on the last lap of his round-the-world evangelistic tour. He, together with his wife Vernita, and Brother and Sister C. Ely Persing left our District last June. They have visited many of the countries of Europe and Asia. The accompanying report is only one of several that Brother Sheley expects to prepare.

is the establishment of a church group on the Island of Crete. God has blessed this adventure of faith in a wonderful way. The group has grown to the extent that a full-time native pastor has been placed in charge of the church.

Not only has the Lord blessed the church in Greece numerically, but many can testify to the healing of their body and soul through answer to prayer. Sis. Mary relates the following testimony proving the fact that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. She states: "In

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DISTRICT COUNCIL



A New Year's Message From Our District Superintendent

"Ye have not passed this way heretofore . . . Tomorrow . . . Wonders."
Josh. 3:4, 5.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." I Sam. 7:12.

THE past was wonderful, the present is marvelous, and the future is glorious! But we cannot live on the wonders of the past, nor on the satisfaction of the present. The glorious challenges of the future must ever be in the vision that is before us.

Approaching the new year we have the confidence inspired by our Ebenezer *"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."* This serves to encourage although *"Ye have not passed this way heretofore."*

Who has not thrilled as he has looked down the long avenue of stately palms flanking the Capitol at Sacramento? It is delightful to gaze from one end of the long vista, a sort of verdant temple, with its branching pillars and its arches of fronds. So look down the long aisle of the year ahead; see the green boughs of mercy overhead, and the challenging perspective that stretches before you.

The backward look may serve its purpose in your spiritual life, but if too long indulged it may do you a distinct disservice. Today *"Look ye not back,"* instead *"Sanctify yourselves"* for *"Tomorrow . . . Wonders"* will be done among you. God's tomorrow is not only a day of gladness, but of triumph, of battles fought and victories won. You and I are going into *"Tomorrow"* in the confidence that He will do *"Wonders"* for us and through us. His unfailing capacity for keeping His word assures us.

The spiritual aspect of our lives should give us occasion to seek God earnestly for the year ahead. Perhaps *"Am I getting the most out of my spiritual life?"* could be the question each of us should ask himself. How-

ever remarkable has been your past *"Tomorrow Wonders"* you've scarcely dreamed can, and by God's grace shall be yours. Dare only to believe and it shall be. Reaching out in hunger for the gifts and graces of His Spirit your soul shall not be only refreshed but satisfied.

As a District fellowship we are sitting upon a veritable volcano of spirit-

ual possibilities. Thousands of new people, uprooted from their former homes and friends, are filling up our fast expanding sub-divisions. Dare we sit idly by with folded hands while these thousands are lost to Christ and Pentecost? No! No! It must not be so. We will arise and build; go forth and evangelize; *"lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes."* Throwing frustrating caution to the winds we will dare to believe God and to step out upon His unfailing promises.

Today is our day. We must grasp this opportunity by the forelock. *"Tomorrow . . . Wonders."* Shall we have the wonders or the regrets? It is up to us; up to us to so sanctify, so reconsecrate ourselves that when we have passed this way not trod before we will know the continuing joy of God's wonders.

May God give you a victorious New Year.

Leonard Palmer.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Brother Palmer gladly commends the following evangelists to our brethren. From the east where he has had a long and successful ministry: Rev. Charles R. Shuss. Brother Shuss may be contacted c/o Don Lowe, 831 Lois Way, Campbell, California. From our own western area is a man with an outstanding prophetic ministry: Rev. J. C. Burkey, 7057 - 25th N. W., Seattle, Washington.

WHO'S NEW?

Pastor and Mrs. Charles Bradbury of Lafayette have a new daughter. She is Lori Jo, who arrived November 25. Lori is the Bradbury's third child.

The Don Meisters of Sharp Park have announced the arrival of Gregory Allen on December ninth. Gregory weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Thank you Friends--

THE DISTRICT OFFICERS AND STAFF
AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF
BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE
CONVEY HEARTFELT THANKS TO
ALL OUR PEOPLE FOR THEIR ABUNDANT
EXPRESSIONS OF GOODWILL DURING
THE PAST SEASON.

TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US
A PROSPEROUS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT Delivered at the Fall C. A. Convention

Before getting into the meat of my message for you today, I would like to ask you to grant me the indulgence of a few brief words that are very personal and very, very sincere.

In taking a backward look upon the last two years of my life, I can recall a wonderfully exciting ministry that has held very few disappointments and a generous amount of joy. Until the day you elected me vice-president four years ago, it had never occurred to me that I would ever be chosen to serve as your president, and until the day you elected me president two years ago, I was never able to seriously imagine myself in this office. But somehow, under God's direction, you felt led to ask me, by your votes, to fill the office and today I assure you that I will forever be indebted to you and to God.

Please understand me when I say that the honor of this position is not nearly as valuable as has been the limitless opportunities afforded me. Honor is a good word but should be used by all of us with caution to avoid lifting one person up beyond what he really is before God. If we want to give honor, we would do well to join with Paul the Apostle who said "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." The honor, however, as such, I have greatly appreciated and held sacred but beyond all that, I thank you today for giving me this wonderful outlet for my ministry. I have loved my work and I have loved you. What the future holds for me is now in the hands of God, but this quick glance into the past two years of my life is heart-warming and I felt I wanted to share my innermost feelings with you today.

Now to my message. I am happy to report that there has been a most gratifying awakening on the home front to the various C. A. sponsored activities. This is vitally important in that all our efforts are contingent upon a healthy active C. A. organization in every church. If charity begins at home, so does a successful district C. A. program.

Our Youth Camps were filled and running over this past year with C.A.'s from every part of the district, and there is already an active interest in

next year's camps in many areas of the district. As you know, in addition to our regularly scheduled camps in Santa Cruz, Mineral, and Eureka, we had a new camp at Clear Lake which was very successful. It is superfluous to say that the camps were bigger and better than ever before, but it is a fact that our total registrations outnumbered all previous years. The spiritual blessings were as wonderful as ever, and we do rejoice for the wonderful times we had at our camps this year.

Speed-the-Light has again met with keen interest. It is too early in the year to give any final figures about total giving, but it has been substantial. We are afraid that our giving will fall short of last year's, but that is due to some groups taking on non-C.A. projects that do not receive credit. This we cannot encourage, but we do know that the money given on these projects was given to worthy causes, and we readily accept that receiving credit is not always the most important benefit of our giving. A

very encouraging aspect in our Speed-the-Light program this year has been a much wider representation in giving from the local groups.

We thank God for a steady growth of our Christ's Ambassador constituency as new groups are being added from time to time. These new groups are surely a blessing to us and we trust that the C. A. Department has been, and shall continue to be, a blessing to them.

Finally, I report gratifying progress in one of the most important aspects of our whole program, the finances. The number of our regular supporting groups has grown to $\frac{1}{2}$ of our total constituency, and because of this, we are now approaching solvency for the first time in a long-long time. Again I would like to diverge from my text for a few personal words. I don't say this apologetically at all, but due to the seriousness of the matter, I want to speak strongly. My thought concerns the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$, and until recent months a far greater percentage than that, of non-supporting organized groups. I have never known nor heard of an organization where $\frac{1}{2}$ of the constituency paid all the bills while the other $\frac{1}{2}$ received equal benefits and enjoyed all the provided privileges. Beyond a shadow of doubt, not

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

History has again been made as one more Fall C. A. Convention has come and gone to take its place in the happy memories of hundreds of Northern California and Nevada Christ's Ambassadors. The convention was typically blessed with the touch of God in Pentecostal fashion, resulting in the renewing of consecrations by many precious young people.

We were all thrilled and moved by the anointed ministry of Brother Ernie Reb, convention speaker. His reports on the Far East carried a dynamic missionary challenge which no doubt caused many young people to open their hearts to the missionary call. We could not have asked for more.

The business meeting resulted in the re-election of D-CAP Walt Boring and the election of Fulton Buntain as Vice-President and Stephen Asmuth as Secretary-Treasurer. The C. A. Department wishes to thank Don Annas, retiring Vice-President and Kirk Soper, retiring Secretary-Treasurer for all the time and effort they have given the district in the past years. Our hope is that their ministries have

been enriched by their time of service in the department. A hearty welcome is in order for the two new officers. Surely the future holds many blessings for them as they work with and for the C. A.'s of this district in youth camps, conventions and other district functions.

The Teen-Age-Talent Contest turned out to be one of the most interesting of all the convention activities. The wonderful music was enjoyed by everyone and the spirit of competition was certainly on a high level of Christian standards.

The Bethany Bible College choir, under the direction of Forrest Beiser, was a tremendous addition to the spiritual aspect of the convention. Special words of gratitude to the choir and brother Beiser are in order since they gave us a day out of a much deserved vacation.

Finally, the C. A. Department wishes to thank all those who worked so hard to make the convention what it was, and, in particular, we thank Pastor Donald Lehmann and Glad Tidings Temple board and people for letting us use their facilities and for making us feel so very welcome.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Continued)

one of the non-supporting groups really wishes to be listed as such in as much as that they appear to be friendly and cooperative in other phases of our organization. I'm sure that the reason for their failure to help in our financial needs is due to oversight and perhaps a lack of knowledge concerning their responsibility. I trust that in the coming year every organized group will take upon itself the responsibility involved in supporting the Department.

To conclude my message, I would like to express myself on one last important matter. Two years of working full time in the C.A. Department has proved to me that we have a truly great fellowship. I have learned that there is a beautiful relationship between the local C.A. groups and the District C.A. Office. I trust that under God this relationship shall always ex-

ist as it now is, so that you and I, and should Jesus tarry, those that follow after us will not lose the original vision held sacred by those who founded our organization. That vision is plain to me today. Those that saw it first saw a harmonious and equitable organization of local C. A. groups and a district office and district officers each serving the other and building in our way the Kingdom of God. The local group is the body of the organization, and the office is the nerve center. May you and I contend now and forever for the preservation of such an organization, not adding to nor taking away from the basic principles that caused its origination, cooperating together under God to build and to strengthen the lives of the thousands of young people that fall under our responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Walt Boring

District C.A. President.

C. A.'s HONOR D-CAP ON OCCASION OF HIS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

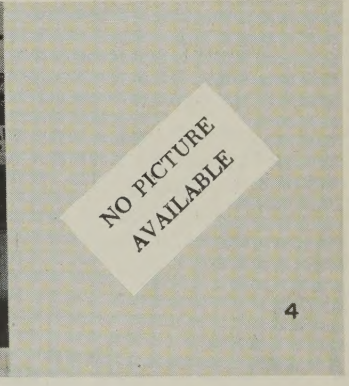
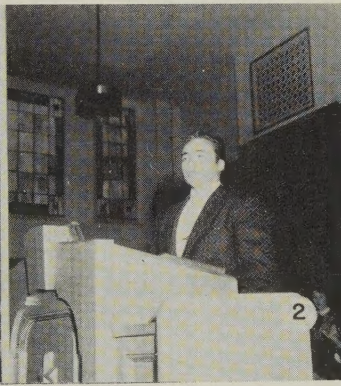
November the twenty-second was a day of celebrating at the home of D-CAP Walt Boring since on that day, fourteen years ago, he took a young lady named Katherine Wright to be his lawful, wedded wife.

This particular anniversary became one of the nicest ever enjoyed by the Boring's because, to their great surprise, the C. A.'s of the North Bay Section showered them with all sorts of lovely gifts. Pastor Leroy Shelley, of Vacaville, gathered the gifts together and delivered them with dispatch to the Boring residence.

Walt and Katy both send their heart-felt expressions of gratitude to the C. A.'s and the pastors who collaborated together to do such a very nice thing.

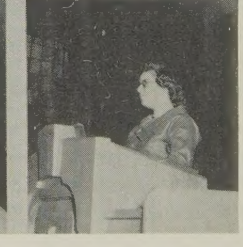
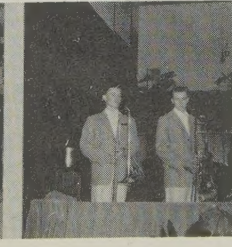
We are not here to CORRECT the world but to live the love-filled, Christ-filled life before it.

TEEN-AGE TALENT CONTEST: Winners and Contestants

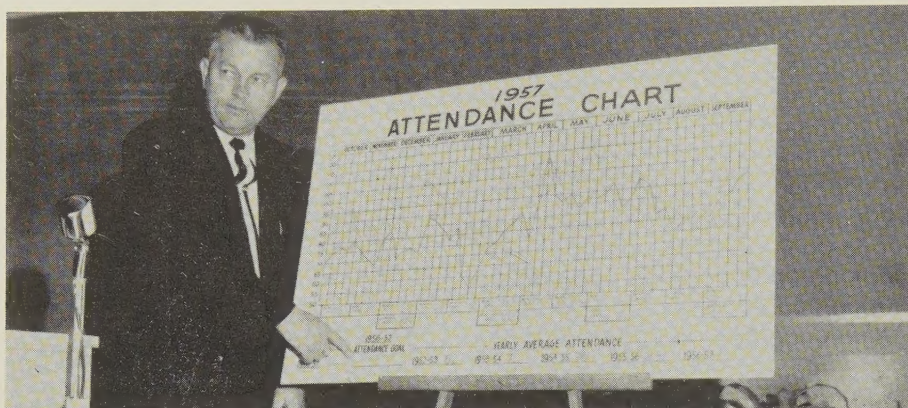


WINNERS IN THE TEEN-AGE TALENT CONTEST held in conjunction with the Fall C. A. Convention in San Francisco included: 1) Don Stover (light jacket), Instrumental Solo; 2) Joe Jones, Vocal Soloist;

3) Instrumental trio from Sunnyvale; and 4) (no picture available) Vocal group from Richmond, Central Assembly. The snaps below are of the various contestants.



SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



Lionel Suter demonstrates a specimen Sunday school attendance chart. A somewhat smaller version of this chart has been made available to each Sunday school as a service from the District Sunday School Office. Sunday school workers are encouraged to put this fine graphic aid to use in their Sunday school.

JANUARY



Study-
**THE
SPIRIT
HIMSELF**

BY RALPH M. RIGGS

1957

TRAINING MONTH

NEW TEACHING AID

The Assemblies of God has an exclusive franchise on a revolutionary new teaching aid called Bible "figurets." These "figurets" are three-inch durable vinyl figures of famous Bible characters. They will be packaged in sets or units and each unit will tell a complete story. The first unit will be available for the first quarter, 1957, and will re-enact the Passover story. These units go along with the Primary Word of Life Sunday School material, but because each unit is complete in itself and has a story explanation, they can be used by Junior, Beginner, and Nursery children as well.

You say you can't do anything. Why? Paul said, "I can do ALL things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL S.S. CONVENTION

Planning for a trip to the Regional Sunday School Convention is (for most folks anyhow) more involved than just deciding which clothes to take!

That's why wise people plan early. Then you can be sure of transportation, housing, and someone to watch the kiddies while you're gone.

You'll find that every effort you

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make to attend the 1957 Regional will be well rewarded. Notice these convention features:

Ernest S. Williams, Paul G. Trulin, and Charles Denton will be speaking. There will be 17 workshops and conferences. And, of course, visual demonstrations, displays, shoptalk and fellowship. See you there!

It Happens Every Time!

'Twas the month of January
With the holidays all past
And the Sunday School attendance
Was way down and sinking fast.

There was lots of stormy weather
And the folk were loath to go
Out to visit and encourage
Those who were a little slow.

The dear pastor was discouraged
He felt he'd reached the end,
And his head was really drooping
He couldn't face foe nor friend.

A good man, the superintendent
Also was in great despair
For in most all the classes
There was many an empty chair.

All the teachers and the workers
Knew that things were not just right
But their interest sure was lagging
They just didn't have much "fight."

Things were in a sad condition
Gloom was heavy in the air.
For the Sunday School was lagging
And no one seemed to care.

Then the pastor found a letter
That contained the latest dope
On the plans for Training Month—
And there came a gleam of hope.

Now this letter said that January
Was the good time for a class
And the book "The Spirit Himself"
Was one they could not surpass.

So the pastor called a meeting;
Just the superintendent came.
But they talked the matter over
Their decision was the same.

They ordered the new textbooks
And began to advertise;
Soon the workers and the teachers
Started opening their eyes.

Thus the training class was started
Tho' the night was dark and drear.
When the pastor checked the roll
He said, "Most everyone is here."

Every night they met together
And each night the interest grew
As they studied and discussed points
With enthusiasm new.

And when the class was finished
There was action everywhere,
For each one had determined
"There will be no empty chair."

So everyone was working
And the Sunday School did grow
And the pastor and Superintendent
Smiled and said "We told you so."

Now this isn't a fairy story
It has happened many a time;
But we've just changed the form
And put it down in rhyme.

HERE AND THERE

About Our District

BIGGS — "Christ for Christmas" was the theme of a revival here with Evangelist Eddie Kramer. These special Christmas Emphasis services carried through the holidays and proved to be a real blessing to all. Ray Oliver is the pastor.

BURLINGAME — Pastor C. E. Lebeck writes: "A group of students from Bethany Bible College presented a "Speed-the-Light" service in November which proved a real blessing and time of consecration. Those taking part were Chang Fong, Malaya; Milo Netzler, Samoa; and the Girl's Trio composed of Edna Jarvis, Wanda Jones and Martha Erwin. Leroy Lebeck, nephew of the pastor, brought the message of the evening.

Another outstanding service was "Ladies Night" at the annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner of the Men's Fellowship. Once a year the ladies are guests of the Men's Fellowship group. Pastor Henry Ness of Oakland, brought a message on the theme: "My Six Years as Chaplain of the Washington State Prison Term and Parole."

CARMICHAEL — Pastor Virgil Christian recently called at the editor's office to report recent victories and blessings in the Carmichael Assembly. Accompanying Brother Christian was Evangelist E. Dwayne Madsen, who had just concluded a very successful revival in Carmichael. Pastor Christian reported that the revival had concluded some two consecutive months of record attendance. The revival itself was considered by the church to have been the most successful in its history. The services were characterized by signs following with 16 definitely converted, several baptized or refilled with the Holy Spirit, and a number of miracles of healing. One man who had suffered an accident and had been given up to die by the doctors was miraculously healed on his hospital bed during the Sunday morning service. Even the doctors admitted it was a real miracle. The meetings extended for three weeks. Evangelist Madsen is scheduled to be back in our District again before long. He may be contacted at 3025 Newton Street, Denver, Colorado.

CHICO — Pastor J. C. Snyder reports: "After fifteen months rest from pastoral duties, we received a call from the First Assembly of God church here to be their pastor. We felt definitely that it was God's will for us to come here so we accepted the invitation and in the few short weeks that we have been here we have seen the Lord move in a great way bringing backsliders back to God and working among the people. The spiritual tide of the church is rising and the Sunday School is above the 200 mark for which we are thankful to God. The plans for the new church building are under way and we expect to be building in the very near future, so we covet the prayers of the GLAD TIDINGS readers."

COVELO — In a recent letter Pastor Ken Roper writes: "We have just finished a re-

vival meeting with Evangelist Maurice (Cookie) Contreras. God gave us three weeks of excellent meetings in every way. Besides having definite healings, God saved people and filled one of our young ladies with the Holy Ghost. The entire church was drawn closer to God. While Brother Contreras was with us there were continued expressions from the people of how much they were getting from the revival. Leland and Shirley Good also were with us for one week of Children's Revival and there were about 50 in average attendance. It was a good time for the children and a good meeting. Our church here is doing well for which we thank God. Our C. A. group numbers about 25, the missionary giving has doubled, and we have had some repairs on the church and parsonage. For all of this and more we thank God."

EUREKA (Bethel Assembly) — Revival news comes from this Assembly also, with the Singing Wyricks as the evangelists. Their meetings were of great spiritual benefit to the people who commented that it was a truly great revival. They report that 18 came forward for salvation and 6 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. H. C. Lafferty is the pastor.

GRASS VALLEY — Pastor Douglas Fairington relates: "We had two weeks of Tarry Meetings during the month of November. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Our hearts were warmed by the moving of the Holy Spirit and challenged for service. There was an unusual moving of the supernatural from night to night and a precious confirmation on the services. Two received the Infilling of the Holy Spirit and the results are still taking place."

GREENVILLE — The church reports a moving of God's Spirit, manifested in the continual growth and blessing on the Assembly. Not long ago a group of students from Bethany Bible College held a service here in which the blessing of God was certainly felt. Five souls found Salvation for which they are rejoicing. Boyle V. Young is the pastor.

GREENVILLE (The Indian Mission) — The Lassen-Plumas Sectional Fellowship Meeting was held here on December 3. Brother Gilbert, pastor of the Assembly in Chester, California, was the afternoon speaker and brought a very stirring message. John McPherson was the evening speaker. There were a good number at the altar for salvation. Lawrence Ray is pastor.

HOLLISTER — Pastor James C. Merwin recently visited the editor and joyfully reported the blessing of God upon the assembly at Hollister. In the period between the end of July and the beginning of December, 1956, some 36 had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 23 were baptized in water, 14 joined the church, and 12 new C. A.s were added to the C. A. group. There was a forward move by the entire church. During November Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Don Carlos conducted a very profitable and blessed revival. In the course



Our District Office has a new receptionist and secretary in the person of Margaret Bond, formerly of Canton, Ohio. Sister Bond is a kindly, soft-spoken, obliging lady who effectively ingratiates herself with all with whom she has dealings.

Sister Bond's husband passed away 7 years ago. At the time of his death he was Superintendent of the Ohio District. For nearly 20 years Sister Bond and her husband had labored together in Gospel work, chiefly in Indiana and Ohio.

At present, 2 daughters make their home with Sister Bond at Bethany Park. Louise is a student at Bethany Bible College; Esther, age 11, attends public school. An older daughter, Earlene, is married and has a child of her own. Sister Bond is the sister of District Superintendent, Leonard Palmer.

We extend a sincere welcome to Sister Bond to her place in the District Office. It is certain that as the people of our District come to know her, she is assured their warm hearted esteem and appreciation. We trust that her stay among us may be long and happy and abundantly blessed from above.

of the five-weeks of meetings, there were 17 who received the Baptism and some were saved. Sister Don Carlos' paintings proved a real attraction — she painted a picture each evening and gave it to the person bringing the most visitors. The ministry of the Don Carlos resulted in exceptional good to the assembly and everyone is rejoicing in God's blessing at this time.

After over five years of ministry, Pastor and Mrs. Merwin have felt led to resign the Hollister Assembly so that they may take up service overseas. They announced their resignation on December 2, and expect to farewell on January 13. They will

itinerate briefly, and likely will sail for Japan sometime in February. It is hoped that the February *Glad Tidings* will carry a more complete report of the Merwin's missionary plans.

LIVE OAK — The church has progressed with good success in the Sunday School drives with an attendance on the last Sunday of 204. The evangelist during the recent revival was Don Gossett. The services were a blessing to everyone. The pastor is J. A. Rogers.

LOWER LAKE — The new pastor of this assembly is Harold E. Treadway. He succeeds Melvin T. Johnson.

McKINLEYVILLE — In a recent letter, pastor Clarence Myers tells us: "The church here has enjoyed three weeks of Revival Meetings under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Jerry Fischer, with the Musical Fischer's of Men. Six were filled with the Holy Spirit and a number were refilled. A good number answered the call for salvation and six came for salvation the last night. A special time of prayer for the sick was a high point in the revival, with several outstanding healings reported. The spiritual tide is still running high."

MORGAN HILL — Pastor Arthur Gunter relates in a recent letter: "The Assembly just closed a very profitable revival meeting with Watson Argue of Santa Monica, California. Souls were saved, and the entire church rejoiced as backsliders came back to God and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. There were also several outstanding healings. We are thankful for the blessing of the Lord, and feel that the results will be lasting."

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — Pastor Foth has announced the acquisition of four new lots adjacent to the present property for their Expansion Program. The annual Thanksgiving Service proved to be a blessed time of praise and thanksgiving. Brother Kelsey Prinzing, pastor of First Assembly in Lodi, brought a stirring and challenging message which was climaxed by a time of seeking God on the part of the congregation.

OAKLAND (Evangel Temple) — Pastor Guy Hardin writes: "We have just concluded three weeks of revival services with Evangelist Claude O. Wood, during which souls were saved and believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Emphasis was laid upon the nature of Christ and the anointed life as an expression of the will of God."

PACIFIC GROVE — The church is happy to report that their pastor, Leonard Weston, is back in the pulpit after an absence of three months due to illness.

QUINCY — Recent speakers in the American Indian Missionary service were George Effman and Manual Cordova. This service was held in conjunction with the revival conducted by the John McPhersons. The meetings were of benefit to all who attended. M. M. York is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple) — On December 17, the Hensons held an Open House for the congregation in their new

parsonage in Southland Park. A recent highlight in their services was the showing of the film, "Dark Battleground" which is an Assembly of God missionary film showing the superstitions and needs of the people in Africa.

SAN BRUNO — Christmastime Revival was the name given to the recent Worker's Training Course, for not only was it a time of teaching, but also a time of good revival. The Teacher and Evangelist for these special services was Willard Peirce whose ministry was a blessing to everyone. The pastor is E. L. Cole.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — Missionaries Paul and Miriam Wright were the speakers on a recent Sunday. Their stories of the mission field were of interest to everyone and their visit was enjoyed by all. Another interesting day was Sunday, December 2. The Gospels quartet sang during the services in both the morning and evening. Their music was a real treat. The church was host to the San Jose area churches for a special service on December 11. The Ambassador Choir from B. B. C. presented "The Messiah." Folks' hearts were thrilled as once again the Christmas story was told in song. T. Kermit Jeffrey is the pastor and Paul Kienel is the assistant pastor.

SANTA ROSA — Paul and Miriam Wright were recent speakers at the church. The congregation, just as many other folk of the District, enjoyed their stories and experiences of their time in Africa. The pastor is L. R. Anderson and minister of Education and Youth is Bob Mahaffy.

TRACY — The Assembly enjoyed the music provided by students from B. B. C. on a Sunday recently. Leland Keys, President of the College, was the speaker and the special music was provided by the Brass Trio and a Quartet. Kirk Soper is the pastor.

TURLOCK — Pastor R. Carrington reports: "Under the ministry of Watson Argue, Bethel Temple has just completed one of the most successful revivals held in this church. The attendance was high in each service and on Sunday nights the building was crowded to capacity. Besides many who were saved and filled with the Spirit, there

were outstanding healings evidenced. One child in particular was miraculously delivered of an affliction which took the lives of two other children in the same family. Brother Argue is outstanding in our circles today. We should feel ourselves fortunate to have this man of God in our Assembly pulpits."

WEITCHIPEC — Pearl Clement, pastor, writes: "We recently had a profitable two-week meeting with Evangelist Helen Loucks who preached under a wonderful anointing of the Spirit. The messages preached brought strong conviction and the Christians were greatly built up in faith. Several testified to healing in their bodies."

WINDSOR — A letter from Sister Griffis, wife of Pastor Lenard Griffis reads as follows: "We just closed a three weeks revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. N. E. Dodds and family. Rev. Dodds has a stirring ministry in divine healing and many sick and afflicted were healed. As well, souls were saved and a good number received the Holy Spirit. We are still in revival spirit and souls are being saved. Our Sunday School is growing: we had an average of 83 for the month of November." Sister Griffis adds that in answer to prayer, the Lord has provided a very adequate parsonage only one-half mile from the church.

At Our National Office

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS — *Operation Speed*, the second Speed-the-Light film released by the C. A. department, will be premiered February 26 in Springfield. The showing will highlight opening events of the annual three-day Christ's Ambassadors Presidents' Conference. *Operation Speed* is a thirty minute color and sound production presenting a typical C. A. rally with Kenneth Short as speaker. As the field representative speaks, he takes the audience on a picture tour of heathen Africa.

HOME MISSIONS — After three and one half years of ministry in this department, Brother Herbert Bruhn has resigned as field representative. He will enter the evangelistic field shortly after the beginning of January. Brother Bruhn pastored for ten years in Missouri and for about eight years in Alaska.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — This expanding branch of our Movement recently saw the organization of the 1,000 group in the U. S. This latest chapter was formed in the Richmond Assembly of Seattle, Washington.

PUBLICATIONS — Some 74 students had pre-enrolled in the new Spanish Correspondence courses even before they were off the press. This material is now ready and the Springfield office is handling enrollments from the U. S. Puerto Rico, and Mexico. Other requests are being filled by field representatives in the various Spanish speaking countries.

The Gospel Publishing House is preparing to print an edition of the Worrell's Translation of the New Testament. The plates of this well-known translation were willed to the Publishing House some years



Evangelist and Mrs. N. E. Dodds and family. (See Windsor report on this page.)

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, February 19-22, 1957

C. A. RALLY
Monday, Feb. 18

Plan NOW
to attend!

WMC CONVENTION
Tuesday, Feb. 19

CANDIDATES FOR MINISTERIAL RECOGNITION AT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following Candidates for Ministerial Recognition and for Change of Status have been approved by the Credentials Interviewing Committees and are being presented to the District Credentials Committee at the District Council for final approval.

NEW MEMBERS

Christian Workers

George E. Anderson
Marjorie Gerhardt Bowen
Ernest D. Charter
Marion L. Childress
Gilbert Cordova
Charles J. Custock
(Reinstatement)
Walter M. Dodd
Robert A. Green
John Henry Gross
Lillie A. Horless
William P. Hyde
Ruth L. Logan
Clarence E. McAfee
Lowell G. Middleton
Gurnie J. Noah
William E. Phelps
Lawrence A. Plumley

Dorisan M. Sick
Harold L. Smith
Donald B. West
Herbert M. Youngdahl
James W. Heath
Anyce Ruth Hutchison
Daniel W. Petersen
Billie W. Pasley
John Burbulys
Mary L. Holderman
(Mrs. C. S.)

Ordained

Emmanuel C. Goutier, Sr.
(Reinstatement)
Arthur F. Reeves (Transfer
from other organization)
Ralph M. Chandler (Trans-
fer from other organiza-
tion)
Floyd G. Larson (Rein-
statement)

Licentiatees

William M. Alexander
(Reinstatement)
Mildred Anderson Green
Irven (Jack) Azbill
Bob L. Curtright
John C. Duncan

Porter J. Hicks
Willis R. Igo (Reinstatement)
Mrs. Willie M. Jones
Gordon L. Kess
Leon E. McMain
Evelyn A. Prinzing
(Mrs. K. C.)
Harold Lee Richardson
Ruth A. Soper (Mrs. J. K.)
Gene C. Wilson
William B. Weston, Jr.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Christian Worker to Licentiate

Troy A. Beavers
Rose Mary Berlin
Julius Gilbert
J. D. Gardenhire
Mary E. Krause (Mrs. Geo.)
Jack W. Iness
Charles D. McClintic
Leroy M. Nielson
Wayne L. Paul
Arbert G. Pool
Lilburn Richardson
Richard W. Simpson
Ira H. VanHouten
Vivian Young

Licentiate to Ordination

H. James Bellmore
Gerald Boyd
Paul J. Boyd
Charles R. Bradbury
Clifton Brown
Charles J. Christian
Maude E. Colter
Manuel C. Cordova
Aleatha W. Edsall
Leland B. Good
Christian P. Gottschalk, Jr.
Joao K. Lemos
Ruth D. Lemos
Marvin M. Long
Donald E. Meister
Walter W. Moody
Joseph C. Murray
Lowell I. Prinzing
Arvell M. Redding
Pike C. Robinson
Norvelle T. Robison
Charles W. Shaw
Robert R. Smallwood
Mary L. Vagle
James C. Walton
Paul H. Wertz

The above list does not include those who were approved for renewal in present status.

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ago by the translator, Dr. A. S. Worrells.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Although this department has suffered a loss with the resignation of their National Representative, Robert Pirtle, we in California are especially happy that he has thrown in his lot with us as pastor of the Roseville Assembly. Brother Pirtle had served the National Sunday School Department for the past two years. He has been replaced by Rev. E. B. Adamson of Minnesota.

On Our Overseas Front

AFRICA (Congo Belge) — The editor was pleased to receive, direct from the J. W. Nilsen's in the Belgian Congo, a very pretty Christmas card. Imprinted in the card was John 3:16 in several African dialects. The Nilsens added a note which read: "It is indeed a joy to greet you folks from Congo at this Christmas season. God hath done great things for us this past year, whereof we rejoice. Thousands of Africans are rendering thanks to God because He included them in the great plan of redemption. Five missionaries recently returned to the States for furloughs; we are in need of reinforcements."

AFRICA (Nyasaland) — Brother Garlock writes: "We have been on the go most of the time since coming here. Last week we took part in dedicating a new church near Lake Nyasa. During the 3 day meeting, eleven were baptized in water and a good number were definitely saved. This week I will go on trek for several days in the Dowa area visiting the various churches. After visiting Limbe and Salisbury, I shall head for South Africa to meet 'Ma' Garlock."

REPORT ON GREECE

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1951, I closed a meeting in Salonika and was to return to Athens with a young woman who attended our church when she suddenly took ill. Since her unchristian brother was a doctor in an army hospital there, we consulted him, and after X-rays, we were told she had a tumor on the brain. In the days that followed, we sought God together for the healing of the woman. After a few days, we heard a knock at the door of our hotel room. It was the doctor who had examined the case. He said that he had come to help pray for his sister, although he was not a Christian. Together, we knelt down beside the bed. Soon he began to cry and as the tears of repentance coursed down his face, he asked God to forgive him of his sins and heal his sister. The power of God filled that hotel room, and immediately, his sister was healed of the tumor and he became a child of God with his name written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Praise the Lord!

Yes, Greece needs the Full Gospel

THE FIRST MONTH

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cent increase in the population of Nevada between 1950 and 1956; when we consider that the population of California has doubled in 16 years since 1940; when we consider that the increase of population in the state of California is 11,000 every week, and when we are told by the state Chamber of Commerce that our state's rate of growth during the month of October 1956, outstripped the nation as a whole; when we consider these facts we are challenged as never before as an Assembly of God movement to rise up to meet the tremendous opportunity presented by the increase of population within our district, and the consequent potentialities for new churches.

What a day of opportunity is ours! Never have we been so well prepared to meet the challenge of our day. Our district superintendent recently made the statement that he believed that God had raised up the Pentecostal movement for the purpose of making a definite impact upon the religious

message . . . Athens is open to reality. But, one of our greatest needs in this city of two million souls, is a place of worship. Constantly, they are warned not to let too many people into their little third story hall because the floor is weak and it could break through anytime. As the spiritual hunger grows in the hearts of the Greek people, the burden of our missionary becomes almost too much to carry. And in the early hours of the morning, if you were to make your way to the home of our faithful missionary in Athens, Greece, tune your ear to the prayer that drifts out of the window and penetrates the stillness of the morning . . . this is what you would hear: 'Oh God, help us to get a church where these sincere hearts can worship thee in spirit and in truth. Oh Father, giver of all good gifts,

Church Extension Fellowship

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churches. It is planned that a construction superintendent will be employed to assist and direct in the operation of the construction.

The first unit constructed will be approximately 46,000 square feet of floor space. This will provide a small auditorium seating 225 people, also a pastor's study, nursery, and spacious prayer room. Also included in this is the first section of the educational unit, which, when completed, will provide accommodations for a Sunday School of 800. When the main

life of America. We believe this is so. The Pentecostal movement has made a tremendous contribution to the spiritual life of the American public which must be acknowledged and reckoned with by those who are honest in their appraisal. We would add this observation, that we believe that in the providence of God, we "*come to the kingdom for such a time as this.*" Truly "*the fields are white already to harvest.*" May we lift up our eyes to behold the fields. May we pray the Lord of the harvest, that he will send labourers into the harvest field of this our day. May we not fail God here. God grant that we shall seize upon the present opportunity; we may not always have it.

As we leave the year 1956 and enter upon the new year, we do so with faith and courage in our hearts, believing that this new year will hold much of blessing and fruitfulness for every consecrated soul. As a mighty army, we move forward, as consecrated men and women from every walk of life to do the will of God in this year of our Lord, 1957.

please send us \$15,000 so that we can build a church hall to bring the Full Gospel message to the people of Athens, Greece." Amen.

WEDDING BELLS

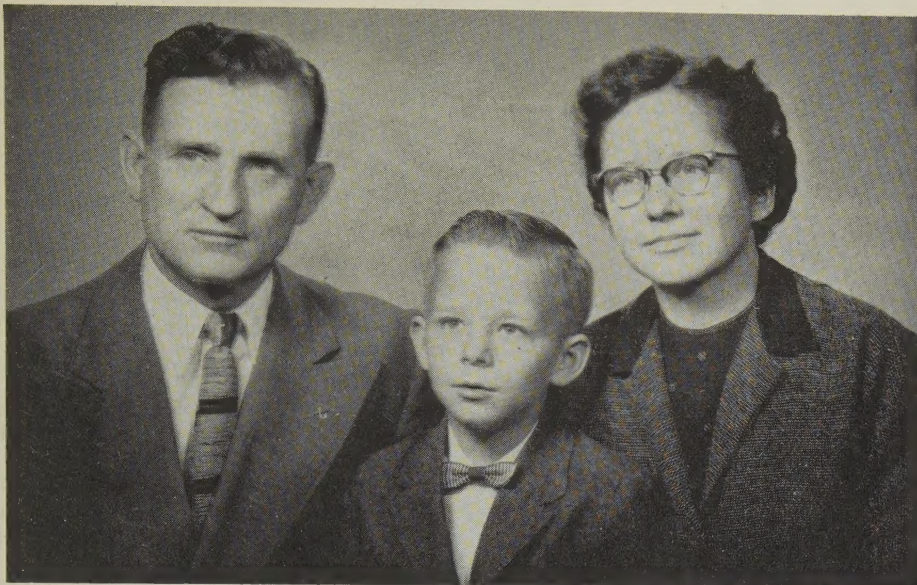
On December 2, Mary Atkinson became the bride of Norman Hegreberg, in a lovely wedding in Bethel Temple of Turlock, California. The bride is a graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute (now B. B. C.)

On December 21, Jo Ann Dowdy became the bride of David Holmes in a pretty ceremony in Springfield, Missouri. James Van Meter was the officiating minister. The couple are currently honeymooning in California, but they will take up residence in Springfield. Jo Ann is the daughter of missionaries Lowell and Virla Dowdy.

auditorium (seating 650) is built by the congregation themselves, at a future date, the present unit will be used for their educational program, as well as providing facilities for overflow seating when special occasions demand.

As Presbyter of the North Bay Section, I have been inspired as I have seen the response and interest that has been evident in this program. Now, as this need is presented to the constituency of our great district, I urge you to give. You can help us now. There is no greater investment that your \$2.00 today for a new church in Northland tomorrow.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL



Lowell and Virla Dowdy report on . . .

WMC INFLUENCE IN CHILE, S. A.

FOR CENTURIES CHILE WAS DOMINATED by Spain and Rome. Its history is one of treachery, civil strife and bloodshed. A little over one hundred years ago when the first missionaries made application for service to this land, they were refused as even at that late date South America was not considered a mission field.

Not being a land of cannibals nor one infested with poisonous snakes, even today it is difficult to convince folks that they should get 'missionary-minded' as to the land of Chile, S. A. There are nearly 7 million inhabitants with only five Assembly of God missionary couples; 14 national pastors; 21 Sunday School out-stations, and a Bible School. The need is great. Rome's power is weakening and today Chile is wide open to the gospel.

For the past 5 years it has been our happy privilege to labor in Valdivia. This city is the gospel center nearest the south pole of all our missionary activities. One of the great joys in our life as a missionary in this isolated area is when we receive a notice in our mail box that there is a package for us. After signing for it, sight unseen, it takes two or three weeks before the second notice arrives. This means that it is now time to begin the red tape of getting the box through customs and in another couple weeks perhaps, all the papers are duly signed and stamped. Then we pay the

duty and take our package home. Happy day! It's a great deal of fun to have Christmas in March or even in July!

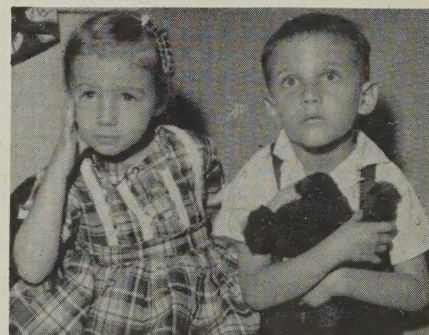
The various W.M.C. groups who have remembered us have been so thoughtful of every minor detail. There have been sufficient articles so that we have been able to help our national pastors. One year at Christmas time the funds were low and the problem was what to get the Sunday School children. Most of them have no gifts except those they receive in our Sunday School. This particular

The Lowell Dowdys recently returned to our District on furlough from Valdivia, Chile.

year there was an abundant supply of embroidered dish towels so a brilliant idea was formed in our minds. As most of the women and girls there wear aprons as a custom, we decided to make aprons out of the dish towels for each little girl. They were made triangle in shape, leaving an embroidered design on each one. One W.M.C. group had sent patterns for making stuffed animals and the local group cut these out and made them up. Even the men and older boys worked and made simple wooden toys. Each member of the Sunday School from the young people's age down received a small Christmas gift. How happy each recipient was! Thanks to the efforts of our W.M.C. sisters in the homeland, the hearts of those little children were made extra joyful that Christmas season.

When home on furlough five years ago, so many lovely things were given to us and they have been extremely useful in furnishing our home. We take this opportunity to say God bless our co-workers, our W.M.C. friends in the Northern California-Nevada District.

Lowell and Virla Dowdy



Jonelle and Jon Wright, along with the mommy and daddy are NOW IN INDIA. Their address is: John Wright, Box 36, Bangalore 1, India.

North Fork WMC Rally



Missionary Wheeler Anderson (Africa, Gold Coast) was recently honored at a WMC rally at North Fork. Sister Elmina Bubb is the Sectional Director. Included in the picture are some of the gifts that were presented to the Andersons at the rally.

CURRENT SIGNS

Generous Church Members

In the past year, giving to churches by Americans increased 11 percent over the previous year. Upwards of one-third of all money given went into building programs. Highest per member giving for all purposes was recorded by the Seventh Day Adventists with \$194.12. The Free Methodist followed closely with \$193.45. Nine other denominations also recorded total annual giving of over \$100 per member. These are: Wesleyan Methodist, Evangelical Free, Evangelical Mission Covenant, Brethren in Christ Church of the Nazarene, Orthodox Presbyterian, Friends, Conference of Evangelical Mennonites, and Church of God of Anderson, Indiana.

Hollywood Producer Tells How To Find Happiness In Prayer

At 75, Cecil B. DeMille is sure he knows the best way to find happiness. "Let the divine mind flow through your own mind and you will be happier," he said.

"I have found the greatest power in the world is the power of prayer. There is no shadow of doubt of that. I speak from my own experience."

In the twilight of a fabulous career the silver haired producer has emerged triumphant from a four year struggle to create the most expensive motion picture ever made, The Ten Commandments. It is the story of Moses, whom DeMille regards as the greatest human of all time. He says he actually began preparing for this film in childhood.

"The idea began more than 70 years ago when my father and mother every night read us children a chapter of history," he recalled.

"The Bible characters became as real to us as comic book figures are to children today. The nation lost a good deal when the Bible was taken out of the schools. It used to be read in schools when I was a boy and I still think it should be."

Our Aging Population

At the present time the proportion of 65 or older in the population of the U. S. is 8.6 percent, or about one in twelve of the entire population. In 1900 fewer than half as many Americans per capita were in this age group. Statisticians foresee a continued, rapid growth of our aged population. The Bureau of Census estimates predict that by 1975 people at ages 65 and over will number about 20½ million, or nearly 6½ million more than at present.

Colombian Persecution

A new wave of persecution of evangelical Protestant believers has recently swept over parts of Colombia and the situation calls for earnest prayer. Recent actions have included: the closing of over 40 evangelical churches, the closing of all evangelical primary schools, and the prohibiting of the preaching of the Gospel and all activity of American missionaries in most of the land. In three weeks eight evangelical workers were murdered and thousands have been left homeless.

Newsboys and Immoral Literature

Newboys in Australia have joined a fight against immoral literature. They have refused to handle some 20 magazines (mostly by American publishers) on a list they have themselves compiled as being "too filthy to handle!" Sales of these "censored" periodicals have fallen off sharply.

Books From the Communist World

It is estimated that last year 2 million publications from Communist countries entered the U.S. The range of these publications is extensive: some of it is strictly cultural without any propaganda, but a great deal sells the Communist line and takes sharp raps against the U.S. Their biggest foreign agents are the Four Continent Book Corporation and Imported Publications and Products in New York.

Communism —

John H. Noble, 31, American recently released from Soviet Union, told reporters his religious faith saved him from cracking under "brain-washing" attempts. While a prisoner he saw many men questioned by the Reds, but "those who weakened first were strangers to the Bible."

"China Youth", a Communist paper published in Peiping, concedes it is hard to brain wash religious believers. Quotes the editor, "People can break any idol, but we can't wash the divinity off the brain of religious followers. This must be done through persuasion and education."

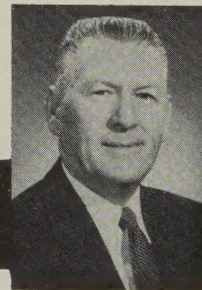
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